

Des Moines City Council PS&T Committee Minutes – 3/2/2017

Meeting called to order @ 5:33 PM on March 2, 2017, in North Conference Room @ 21630 11th Avenue S, Des Moines WA 98198.

Council Members

Luisa Bangs – Chair
Dave Kaplan
Vic Pennington (absent)

Other City Staff

Michael Matthias – City Manager
Dan Brewer – Chief Operations Officer
Brandon Carver – Public Works Director
Tim George – City Attorney
George Delgado – Police Chief
Andrew Merges – Engineering Services Manager
Matt Hutchins – Assistant City Attorney
Kory Batterman – Community Service Officer

AGENDA:

1. Approval of the minutes from the meeting of February 2, 2017
2. CIP Project Updates
3. South 212th St Discussion
4. Nuisance Property Update
5. ADA Transition Plan
6. 16th Ave/ 218th Extension
7. Added agenda item – Puget Sound Gateway Project Update

MEETING:

1. Approval of the minutes from the February 2, 2017 meeting: unanimously approved.
2. CIP (Capital Improvement Program) Projects Update: Engineering Services Manager Andrew Merges discussed the Transportation CIP Updates - Active or Completed Projects for 2017 list. Manager Merges highlighted items from the Projects Not Started section of the list. He explained the South 224th Street Improvements project is funded, however, the City doesn't have the staff to manage the work at this time. It may make sense to delay this project, as it could possibly qualify for a Washington State Transportation Improvement Board grant or be coupled with potential funds from Sound Transit. Included in the discussion was a 2040 PSRC Regional Update regarding submitted applications for Kent-Des Moines Road Segment 1,2 and 3 (Marine View Drive to SR 99). The application was submitted by City staff on 3/2/2017.
3. South 212th Street Discussion: Public Works Director Brandon Carver presented background information describing the map included in the committee packet. The Comprehensive Transportation Plan was completed in 2009. The roadway at South 212th St was added in the CTP update last year. Potential development in the South 212th Street area made the City aware of the need for this roadway network (highlighted in red on map). However, the traffic demand of the recent Business-Park development doesn't necessarily make a case for this connection. It is difficult to justify the approximate cost of 2 million with the less intense traffic needs for warehouse type development. Staff was directed to mention this connection in context with the potential PUD application for the development.

4. Nuisance Property Update: City Attorney Tim George described the success of City departments working together to resolve the 18 properties from the 2014-15 Nuisance Property List. He explained that it has taken 17 months to see the legal process through on one of the vacant buildings. The City is seeking to recover demolition costs as a lien on the property. Other successes include: Public Works Department staff clearing brush and homeless encampments from an overgrown parcel at 216th/29th streets; Community Service Officer Kory Batterman building relationships with business owners and managers along Pacific Highway; and moving quickly on properties with extreme trash/garbage dumping. Additionally, Sound Transit and City Staff met regarding the purchasing and demolition of buildings rather than boarding up vacant homes on properties for the SR 509 right of way. Staff will continue this teamwork approach on the current list of nuisance properties.
5. ADA (American with Disabilities Act) Transition Plan – Community Outreach Follow-up: Engineering Services Manager Andrew Merges summarized the progress of the City's efforts to improve accessibility. Steps taken include – Open House held on 2/8/2017; Online ADA Survey; and continued work on communication with citizens. Future plans include – ADA Coordinator and establishing a grievance procedure and follow-up process. Public Works Director Carver commended Mr. Merges on his excellent work with this project.
6. 16th Avenue/218th Extension: PW Director Brandon Carver reviewed concerns regarding this roadway project. There is community concern about the neighborhood spur and increased traffic. These concerns could be mitigated through traffic calming steps and can be addressed in the future, should the need arise. There is no immediate plan for the work to be started, it is low priority. The question is whether this project should be deleted from the TIP (Transportation Improvement Plan). It was decided that it is not necessary to make changes to the TIP at this time.
7. Additional Agenda Item – Puget Sound Gateway Project and Stakeholders Partnership: City Councilman Dave Kaplan expressed concern regarding the local match funding for the Department of Transportation's SR 509 extension. Councilman Kaplan sought direction involving a plan to submit to the Legislature. Funding already in place includes a US Department of Transportation Fastlane Grant and tolling fees. Councilman Kaplan continued with a similar situation considering Puget Sound Regional Council's Transportation Initiative which includes a funding component of local matching funds for roadways labeled as regional facilities.

Adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Jodi Grager, Community Development Assistant